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# AN ACCOUNT OF Last *Thursdays* Sea ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE *DUTCH* and *FRENCH* Fleets NEAR THE Coast of BREST, WITH THE Total Routing of the *FRENCH* FLEET.

AN *Hambrough* Merchant coming into *Dover* to take in fresh Water, being homeward bound, brings this following Account, as by the particulars of a Letter sent to Esq; *P*—— an Eminent and Worthy Merchant in *London*.

This *Hambrough* Merchant, came by the two Fleets when they were actually Engaged; the occasion how this Grand Engagement happened to fall out, was as followeth: Thirty six Sail of Stout *Dutch* Ships lying some Leagues off of *Brest*, to secure the *Dutch Smyrna* Fleet from the *French Capers*, as well as to Watch the Motions of the late King *James*, who was at *Brest* with sixteen Sail of *French* Men of War (from thirty to seventy Guns each, as Fire Ships,) with many small Craft to carry Land Forces, Ammunition, and four Cart Loads of Money and Plate, &c. with a design to Succour *Ireland*, for the *Romish* Interest. On *Tuesday* last, the *Dutch Smyrna* Fleet past by the *Dutch* Men of War, under their Safe-guard, and are come into the *Channel* to pursue their Course safely for *Holland*. And on *Wednesday*, in the Afternoon (as it's thought) or at least on *Thursday* Morning, the *French* Fleet put to Sea from the Port of *Brest*, (the Wind favouring them) for the Coast of *Ireland* directly; but so it fell out, that the Wind tacking about, by which the *Dutch* Fleet (who lay ready waiting their motions) was driven directly upon them, and the *French* Fleet could not make any part but the *English* Coasts; a most desperate Fight ensued. And when this *Hambrough* Merchant came away, he left them hotly Engaged, and since (as it's generally reported) the King this day received an Express, that the *French* Fleet are totally Routed, a great many of their Men of War sunk, and others taken with a great number of their small Craft Men, that had their Land Soldiers on Board; among which was the Marshal *Luxemberg*, and many others of their greatest and best Officers. And its general said about the Town, that the late King *James*, with many of the *English* Nobility, are made their Prisoners of War. You may expect in our next, a more full and particular Account, of this Great, Glorious, and most Happy Engagement; happy not only to these Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, but happy to the Confederate Princes, and States of *Europe*, who are at present Engaged in a Common, and no less Just War, with the Common Enemy of Christianity and Mankind, the most Unchristian King.

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